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IMPROVEMENT IN TELEPHONE POSTS AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to improve the Telephone, Posts and Telegraph facilities in Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir and Maharashtra particularly in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the directions issued in this regard ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) the amount of revenue earned by the Government from various States during the last two years, State-wise; and

(e) the amount spent by the various States on these services during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

Telephone:

(a) & (b) Government have decided to improve Telephone facilities in the country including the States of Kerala, Jammu& Kashmir and Maharashtra. The targets ofnet switching capacity, direct exchange lines and village public telephones for Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir and Maharashtra state not including MTNL Mumbai for the year 2000-01 are given in annexure-I. The targets for the above items in the tribal areas of Kerala and Maharashtra states are also indicated in this Annexure-I. Jammu and Kashmir is not covered under the Telecom. Tribal sub plan.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The state-wise amount of revenue earned including telegraph services during the last two years is given in Annexure-II.

(e) The amount spent by the various state on these services including telegraph services during the said period is given in Annexure-III.

Post:

(a) The improvement of Postal facilities is an on going process. The postal operations have built in checking and monitoring functions. Necessary correctives are applied and remedial steps taken not only to rectify but also to improve upon any shortcoming, which comes to light. There is no specific plan as such for improvement applicable only to the states of Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir and Maharashtra.

(b) During the 9th Five Year Plan so far, the following number of Branch Post Offices have been opened in the Tribal Areas of these States:

S.No.	Name of Circle	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	8	Nil
2	Kerala	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Maharashtra	10	13	9

(c) No reply called for in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) The details is given in Annexure-IV & V.

(e) Same as above.

Telegraph:

(a) & (b) In general, the telegraph facilities have been improved in the states of Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir and Maharashtra by providing micro processor based electronic message switches like Store and Forward Message Switching Systems (SFMSS) & Electronic Key Board Concentrators(EKBCs) as in the Annexure-I. These systems have been provided to link and network Telegraph offices for quick transmission of telegrams. Also the rates of incentive money to Telegraph messengers have been enhanced for expeditious delivery of telegrams. However, there are no specifoc plan for tribal areas in these states.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The information is included in Annexure-II.

(e) The information is included in Annexure-III.

Annexure-I

Telephone:

Targets for Net Switching Capacity, Direct Exchange Lines and Village Public Telephones for the year 2000-2001

S.No. Name of Circle Net Switching capacity Direct Exchange Lines Vill. Public Telephones
1 Kerala 378200 450000 0
2 Jammu & Kashmir 48500 50000 2000
3 Maharashtra 781700 600000 0

Tribal Areas:

Targets for Net Switching Capacity, Direct Exchange Lines and Village Public Telephones for the year 2000-2001

S.No. Name of Circle Net Switching capacity Direct Exchange Lines Village Public Telephones
1 Kerala 37348 24300 0
2 Maharashtra 2500 1500 0

Telegraph:

List of the Telegraph Systems working in Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir and Maharashtra States.

S.No. Name of State Working systems

1 Kerala

a) Store and Forward Message Switching systems (SFMSS)
128 lines (One), 64 lines (One) and 32 lines (One)
b) Electronic Key Board Concentrators(EKBCs) -18

2 Jammu & Kashmir Electronic Key Board Concentrators(EKBCs) -2

3 Maharashtra
a) Store and Forward Message Switching systems (SFMSS)
128 lines (Two), 64 lines (Two) and 32 lines (Three)
b) Electronic Key Board Concentrators(EKBCs) -42

ANNEXURE-II

TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH

STATEMENT SHOWING REVENUE EARNED (BILLED) DURING 1998-99 AND 1999-2000

S.No. NAME OF STATE REVENUE EARNED (Rs. THOUSANDS)

	1998-99	1999-2000
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	96090	106342
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	12547853	14538398
3	ASSAM	1544287	1918250
4	BIHAR	4247205	4646647
5	GUJARAT	13801780	14952129
6	HARYANA	3909581	4414543
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	984041	1129483
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	944810	1080690
9	KARNATAKA	13504682	14627529
10	KERALA	7864604	8879774
11	MADHYA PRADESH	6614882	6920815
12	MAHARASHTRA	15508477	16533999
13	NORTH EAST	983716	1182458
14	ORISSA	2161521	2273458
15	PUNJAB	7930621	8814066
16	RAJASTHAN	6331961	6909487
17	TAMIL NADU	19450410	22222285
18	UTTAR PRADESH	11892758	13445754
19	WEST BENGAL	9934801	10486026
	TOTAL	140254080	155082133

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).
Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.).
Maharashtra state includes Goa.
North- East telecom circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalay, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura state.
Punjab state includes Chandigarh (U.T.).
Tamil Nadu state includes Chennai and Pondicherry(U.T.).
West Bengal state includes Calcutta and Sikkam state.

ANNEXURE-III

TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH

STATEMENT OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FROM 1998-99 TO 1999-2000

S.No. NAME OF STATE EXPENDITURE (Rs. CRORES)

	1998-99	1999-2000
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	16.47	27.26
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	696.94	1122.64
3	ASSAM	112.86	166.45
4	BIHAR	325.45	390.12
5	GUJARAT	552.24	819.92
6	HARYANA	207.17	301.03
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	119.87	170.96
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	51.04	87.08
9	KARNATAKA	714.02	962.52
10	KERALA	731.50	923.31
11	MADHYA PRADESH	390.54	481.84
12	MAHARASHTRA	865.52	1230.62
13	NORTH EAST	182.03	201.14
14	ORISSA	174.44	224.44
15	PUNJAB	525.99	584.27
16	RAJASTHAN	374.81	557.29
17	TAMIL NADU	756.35	979.69
18	UTTAR PRADESH	1014.20	1167.41
19	WEST BENGAL	306.58	477.64
20	OTHER UNITS	1332.32	1635.14
	TOTAL	9450.34	12510.77

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).
Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.).

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ANNEXURE-IV

POST

ACTUALS FOR THE YEAR 1998-99

FIG IN CRORES

S.No.	NAME OF CIRCLE	TOTAL M.H.1201 POSTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL M.H.3201 REVENUE EXPENDITURE	TOTAL M.H.5201 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	118.44	312.21	2.47
2	ASSAM	16.57	84.97	2.67
3	BIHAR	41.92	240.62	0.98
4	BASE	17.90	4.31	0.00
5	DELHI	162.66	247.01	17.31
6	GUJARAT	99.19	237.88	2.62
7	HARYANA	28.74	80.83	0.58
8	HIMCHAL PRADESH	15.66	54.12	0.93
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	9.88	29.90	0.44
10	KARNATAKA	114.28	240.78	3.33
11	KERALA	130.99	206.45	2.03
12	MAHARASHTRA	310.40	555.87	3.65
13	MADHYA PRADESH	56.62	207.39	2.13
14	NORTH EAST	11.88	44.61	0.92
15	ORISSA	25.94	157.33	3.99
16	PUNJAB	59.90	122.01	0.87
17	RAJASTHAN	52.44	163.12	0.15
18	TAMIL NADU	211.85	443.81	2.36
19	UTTAR PRADESH	121.61	514.51	4.33
20	WEST BENGAL	88.30	345.16	3.55

ANNEXURE-V

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ACTUALS FOR THE YEAR 1999-2000

FIG IN CRORES

S.No.	NAME OF CIRCLE	TOTAL M.H.1201 POSTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL M.H.3201 REVENUE EXPD.	TOTAL M.H.5201 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	145.20	336.83	2.20
2	ASSAM	19.98	131.24	1.89
3	BIHAR	51.39	331.33	1.55
4	BASE	26.38	3.58	0.00
5	DELHI	190.84	226.66	34.05
6	GUJARAT	115.22	267.37	1.68
7	HARYANA	35.31	87.53	0.95
8	HIMCHAL PRADESH	19.20	56.67	1.05
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	11.16	33.65	0.44
10	KARNATAKA	136.59	258.48	2.57
11	KERALA	156.72	230.55	1.37
12	MAHARASHTRA	370.12	586.87	3.30
13	MADHYA PRADESH	65.46	231.69	2.25

14 NORTH EAST 14.64 55.50 2.50
15 ORISSA 29.20 169.23 2.16
16 PUNJAB 69.87 125.17 0.87
17 RAJASTHAN 62.92 175.00 0.28
18 TAMIL NADU 253.46 472.38 1.90
19 UTTAR PRADESH 138.86 547.29 3.74
20 WEST BENGAL 106.80 352.96 3.14